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Hello, my name is Seth Zatzke. I currently reside in Cascade, gorgeous place! I work down at an underground mine in NV as well. First mining job I've ever had. Also one of the best jobs as well.

At first I felt a little guilty for changing the landscape of mother earth just for a precious metal. But when you get down to it, a mine is such a small change compared to all the roads we drive on, houses we live in, cities we have build. I know people may look at a mine and see nothing but man destroying the environment, but never think of they're own footprint that they take for granted.

Environmental impact is huge with mining of today. Every step is looked at with a magnifying glass to make sure we're doing as little as possible to hurt our planet. Especially our water supply. The mine I work at even has an SLS plant (sludge liquid seperation) to ensure all the water coming out is cleaned as much as we can before heading down to the lined water purification lakes.

The public is blind to all the steps taken by mining companies to not hurt the environment past the part of changing the landscape...and that's what people only see.

So the day precious metals aren't needed for everyday life, I'll be the first one to lay down my hard hat and find a new career. But for now, since i don't see any of us giving up our cushy life styles we have...i say let's clean up the area and restart this mine the proper way it's being done today.